Handloom Development Corporations, State Handloom Apex and Primary Societies, which can be utilised for the purposes viz., (i) interest subsidy (ii) rebate/discount; (iu.) capital/margin money for setting up of showrooms etc., and (iv) a,.v other purpose approved by the Central; and/c-r State Government subject to the condition that the amount of assistance will not exceed 8 per cent of average sales turnover of handloom fabrics made-ups and garments (excluding Janata Cloth) in the case of State Apex Societies/Corporations land 15 per cent of cash credit limit sanctioned by financial institutions jn the case of Primary Societies. The expendture on this scheme will be shared equally by the Central Government and Ihe concerned States.

Pak Rangers' Connection with Terrorists

2499. SHRl SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFA RS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani Rangerg are al eged to be playing an active role both in smuggling of weapons and helping terrorists in crossing the bor der; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in thig regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES ANT) PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIN" STRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes(Sir.

ib) The BSF have lodged protest with the Pak R<mgers o^ a number of occas'ons BSF have been strengthened together with border out-posfe observation post towers, sop-histicated equinments vehic'es etc. Snecial measures Fke wire fenc'ng wire obstacle flood lighting etc. in sensitive areas of Indo-Pak border are heing taken in hand.

Sale oi Gohj Ornaments bv Jeweller* in Delhi at Concessional Price

2500. SHRl RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-
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(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in 'Vyapar' 0f Bombay dated the 6th February, 1989 regarding fradulent practice ' by jewellers in Delhi of selling gold ornaments cheaper than primary gold; if so, what action has been taken in the matter;

(b) whether Government are con sidering to effect stamping on gold ornaments to ensure its purity as is done in other countries; and

(c) what is the modus operandi of these jewellers who advertise in Delhi newspapers for sale of god ornaments at concessional price and what preventive action has been taken by the Department concern ed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE JN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) A news item is reported to have been published in "Vyapar' of Bombay dated 6th February, 1989, As there is no prc!e control on gold no action i» possible.

(b) Provision already exists under Gold Controi Act requirng every licensed dealer to stamp every piece Of article or ornament made, manu factured or prepared by h'.m certi fying the purity of gold.

(c) As there is no price control on gold, the dealers are at liberty to sell the ornaments at anv price. Sale at reduced rates is being done per haps bv cutting down on their pro fit, margin or with a view to dispose of accumulated stocks to save on interest and other inventory carry ing costs. If the dealers violate any